

# News Release

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## Back to School Public Service Announcement

With the new school year right around the corner, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is offering citizens a few tips to ensure the safety of Frederick County students. Beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2017, school will be back in session and once again school buses will be traversing our roadways.

Motorists should slow down and be especially alert in neighborhoods and school zones. They should take extra time to watch for children at intersections, and near the roadway as they wait at bus stops for morning pick-ups and afternoon drop-offs. **Maryland law requires drivers to come to a complete stop when the lights on a school bus are flashing, and they must stop in both directions if there is no physical divider or barrier. Remaining completely stopped will help to ensure the safety of students.**

For children who walk to school, parents are encouraged to make sure their child's path to and from school is a safe route. Wearing bright or light colored clothing will make children more visible to drivers, **and** placing emergency contact information inside a back pack can help law enforcement to identify a child quickly if they are lost or injured.

All citizens should report suspicious activity or reckless driving immediately. By working together, we can ensure the continued safety of students this coming school year.